

**INITIAL STUDY**

**FOR**

**LAFCO 2996 - Reorganization to Include Formation  
of Helendale Community Services District and  
Dissolution of County Service Area 70  
Improvement Zones B and C**

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Prepared for:

**Local Agency Formation Commission**

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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for San Bernardino County has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following proposal:

- Title:**           **LAFCO 2996 – Reorganization to Include Formation of Helendale Community Services District and Dissolution of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B and C**
- Description:**   The formation of the Helendale Community Services District (CSD) would allow the assumption of the responsibility for existing domestic water and sewer service from the existing service provider (County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B and C) and to expand services to include solid waste collection, streetlighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement within the boundary of the proposed CSD.
- Location:**       The project area is located north of the Cities of Adelanto and Victorville, southwest of the City of Barstow, west of Interstate 15 and extending a mile east of Highway 395. The entire area encompasses approximately 66,020 acres and is described as follows:
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Township 7 North, Range 4 West, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, and a portion of Section 25, Township 7 North, Range 5 West, Sections 1 and 12, Township 7 North, Range 6 West, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Township 8 North, Range 4 West, Sections 1 through 36, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, and Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36, Township 8 North, Range 6 West, all of San Bernardino Meridian, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California.
- Impacts:**       The Initial Study examined the environmental impacts of the project and determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Date Issued:**   May 11, 2006

The proposed Negative Declaration and the Initial Study are available for public review at the LAFCO office at 175 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415. Office hours are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. **The 30-day public review period for this document is from May 11, 2006 and ends June 12, 2006.**

The hearing before the Commission to consider the proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study is scheduled for June 21, 2006.

Comments on these materials may be submitted within the public review period to Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer for LAFCO, 175 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415, fax number (909) 387-5871.

## Notice of Completion

State of California  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

LAFCO 1996 - Reorganization to Include Formation of Helendale Community Services District and  
Dissolution of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B and C

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### Project Title

LAFCO 1996 consists of a formation proposal for a single contiguous area that encompasses approximately 66,020 acres. The proposed District boundaries are located north of the Cities of Adelanto and Victorville; southwest of the City of Barstow; west of Interstate 15 and extending one-mile west of Highway 395.

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### Project Location - Specific

Community of Helendale and surrounding area

San Bernardino County

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### Project Location - City

### Project Location - County

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### Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

The Helendale Community Services District Task Force (Task Force) has submitted an application to the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to assume responsibility for existing domestic water and sewer service from the existing service agencies and to expand the public services for a specific service area in the High Desert to include solid waste collection, street lighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement. If approved by LAFCO and the voters within the area, these service responsibilities would be assumed by a new community services district to be named the Helendale Community Services District (CSD or District).

San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission

N/A

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### Lead Agency

### Division

Local Agency Formation Commission, 175 West Fifth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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### Address Where Copy of Initial Study is Available

May 11, 2006 through June 12, 2006

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### Review Period

Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald

(909) 387-5866

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### Contact Person

### Area Code / Phone / Extension

**Notice of Completion and Environmental  
Document Transmittal Form**

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 — 916/445-0613

See NOTE below

SCH # \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Project Title:** LAFCO 2996 - Reorganization to Include Formation of the Helendale Community Services District and Dissolution of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zone B and C.

2. **Lead Agency:** San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission

3. **Contact Person:** Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald

3a. **Street Address:** 175 West Fifth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

3b. **City:** San Bernardino, CA 92415

3c. **County:** San Bernardino County

3e. **Phone:** 909-387-5866

**Project Location** The test well sites are located in Sections 15, 21, 22 and 24 of Range 1 East Township 2 North and Section 24 of Range 1 West Township 2 North SBM as shown on USGS Moonridge, Big Bear City and Big Bear Lake 7.5-Minute Series Topographic Quadrangles.

4. **County:** San Bernardino County

4a. **City/Community:** Helendale

4b. **Assessor's Parcel No.:** N/A

4c. **Section:** various **Twp.:** 7 and 8 North **Ranges:** 4, 5 and 6 SBM

5a. **Cross Streets:** N/A

5b. **For Rural, Nearest Community:** Helendale

6. **Within 2 miles:** 6a. **State Hwy #:** 66 and 395

6b. **Airports:** Southern California Logistics Airport

6c. **Railways:** BNSF Railway Company

6d. **Waterways:** Mojave River

**7. Document Type**

CEQA: 01. ☐ NOP

05. ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

NEPA: 09. ☐ NOI

OTHER: 13. ☐ Joint Document

02. ☐ Early Cons

(Prior SCH No.: \_\_\_\_\_)

10. ☐ FONSI

14. ☐ Final Document

03. ☒ Neg Dec

06. ☐ NOE

11. ☐ Draft EIS

15. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

04. ☐ Draft EIR

07. ☒ NOC

12. ☐ EA

08. ☐ NOD

**8. Local Action Type**

01. ☐ General Plan Update

05. ☐ Annexation

09. ☐ Rezone

12. ☐ Waste Mgmt Plan

02. ☐ New Element

06. ☐ Specific Plan

10. ☐ Land Division (Subdivision,

13. ☐ Cancel Ag Preserve

03. ☐ General Plan Amendment

07. ☐ Community Plan

Parcel Map, Tract Map, etc.)

14. ☒ Other: LAFCO/Formation of CSD

04. ☐ Master Plan

08. ☐ Redevelopment

11. ☐ Use Permit

**9. Development Type**

01. ☐ Residential:

Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_

07. ☐ Mining:

Mineral \_\_\_\_\_

02. ☐ Office:

Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

08. ☐ Power:

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Watts \_\_\_\_\_

03. ☐ Shopping/Commercial

Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

09. ☐ Waste Treatment:

Type \_\_\_\_\_

04. ☐ Industrial:

Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

10. ☐ OCS Related

05. ☐ Water Facilities:

MGD N/A

11. ☒ Other:

Formation of a Community Services District

06. ☐ Transportation:

Type \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Total Acres:** 66,020 acres

11. **Total Jobs Created:** N/A

**12. Project Issues Discussed in Document**

01. ☐ Aesthetics/Visual

09. ☐ Geologic/Seismic

17. ☐ Social

25. ☐ Wetland/Riparian

02. ☐ Agricultural Land

10. ☐ Jobs/Housing Balance

18. ☐ Soil Erosion

26. ☐ Wildlife

03. ☐ Air Quality

11. ☐ Minerals

19. ☐ Solid Waste

27. ☐ Growth Inducing

04. ☐ Archaeological/Historical

12. ☐ Noise

20. ☐ Toxic/Hazardous

28. ☐ Incompatible Land Use

05. ☐ Coastal Zone

13. ☐ Public Services

21. ☐ Traffic/Circulation

29. ☐ Cumulative Effects

06. ☐ Economic

14. ☐ Schools

22. ☐ Vegetation

30. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

07. ☐ Fire Hazard

15. ☐ Septic Systems

23. ☐ Water Quality

08. ☐ Flooding/Drainage

16. ☐ Sewer Capacity

24. ☐ Water Supply

13. **Funding (approx.) Federal \$:** N/A

**State \$:** N/A

**Total \$:** N/A

14. **Present Land Use and Zoning:** land uses vary from open areas to residential to industrial

15. **Project Description** The Helendale Community Services District Task Force (Task Force) has submitted an application to the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to assume responsibility for existing domestic water and sewer service from the existing service agencies and to expand the public services for a specific service area in the High Desert to include solid waste collection, street lighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement. If approved by LAFCO and the voters within the area, these service responsibilities would be assumed by a new community services district to be named the Helendale Community Services District (CSD or District).

16. **Signature of Lead Agency Representative**

*Samuel Martinez*  
for: Kathleen Rollings-McDonald

**Date:** May 10, 2006

## Reviewing Agencies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Game                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission     | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections   |
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Date Received at SCH _____	Catalog Number _____
Date Review Starts _____	Applicant _____
Date to Agencies _____	Consultant _____
Date to SCH _____	Contact _____ Phone _____
Clearance Date _____	Address _____

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: San Bernardino County  
Clerk of the Board  
385 North Arrowhead Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: San Bernardino County  
Local Agency Formation Commission  
175 West Fifth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

**Subject: Filing of Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration in compliance with Section 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code.**

The San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission is considering an application from the Helendale Community Services District Task Force to form the Helendale Community Services District.

**Project Title**

LAFCO 2996 - Reorganization to Include Formation of Helendale Community Services District and Dissolution of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B and C

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Not Yet Assigned	Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald	(909) 387-5866
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Telephone Number

**Project Location**


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**Proposed Review Process**

This is to advise that the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission has determined that a Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the proposed project and at a future date to be determined, the Commission proposes to hold a meeting to discuss and possibly recommend approval of the above project. After public review of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are completed, the Commission proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment from May 11, 2006 through June 12, 2006. Copies of the Initial Study are available at the Commission's office by request at the phone number and address identified above.

for: 	Executive Officer	May 10, 2006
Kathleen Rollings-McDonald	Title	Date

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Introduction

The Helendale Community Services District Task Force (Task Force) has submitted an application to the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to assume responsibility for existing domestic water and sewer service from the existing service agencies and to expand the public services for a specific service area in the High Desert to include solid waste collection, street lighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement. If approved by LAFCO and the voters within the area, these service responsibilities would be assumed by a new community services district to be named the Helendale Community Services District (CSD or District). The specific title of the proposed action is "LAFCO 2996 - Reorganization to Include Formation of Helendale Community Services District and Dissolution of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B and C." The total area proposed for "reorganization" is estimated to be 66,020 acres, or approximately 103.16 square miles. The regional location of the proposed new District is shown on Figure 1, with the more detailed site specific location shown on Figure 2, the Site Location map.

The specific rationale given by the Task Force for initiating the formation of the CSD is stated as follows: **The reason for this proposal is to establish a local government that is responsive to the needs of the people within the boundaries of the proposed Helendale Community Services District and provide local control and accountability for the delivery of services and management of revenues.** Presently, domestic water and sewer/wastewater treatment services are provided by County Service Area (CSA) 70 Improvement Zones C and B, respectively. The San Bernardino County Special District's Department presently manages Zones C and B, which currently encompass the Helendale area (including the unincorporated community of Silver Lakes), as shown on Figures 3a and 3b. LAFCO approval of the formation of the Helendale Community Services District would authorize a locally elected District board to assume responsibility for managing and operating the water and wastewater facilities currently operated by CSA 70 Improvement Zones C and B, and to assume additional powers that would include solid waste collection, street lighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement. A more detailed discussion of the Task Force's plan for service under each service category is provided below.

### Location

LAFCO 2996 consists of a formation proposal for a single contiguous area that encompasses approximately 66,020 acres. Figures 1 and 2 show the area that would be encompassed by the proposed Helendale Community Services District if the formation of the District is approved by LAFCO. The proposed District boundaries are located north of the Cities of Adelanto and Victorville; southwest of the City of Barstow; west of Interstate 15 and extending to just west of Highway 395 (see Figures 1 and 2). The legal description of the area proposed for the new District follows: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Township 7 North, Range 4 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, and a portion of Section 25, Township 7 North, Range 5 W; Section 1 and 12, Township 7 North, Range 6 West; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 8 North, Range 4 West; Sections 1 through 36, Township 8 North, Range 5 West; and Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 215, and 36, Township 8 North, Range 4 6 West, all of San Bernardino

Meridian, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California, containing 103.16 square miles (66,020 acres) more or less.

### **Environmental Setting**

The proposed District encompasses a mix of public and private land, with the most intense development presently occurring in the central portion of the proposed CSD in the community of Silver Lakes. The natural setting that occurs in areas not developed for human uses includes a mix of desert plant communities, including Joshua tree scrub on the west; the Mojave River flood plain, including areas of river riparian woodland in the central portion of the proposed District, and creosote bush and saltbush scrub encompassing the remainder of the proposed District. The only permanent water source in the proposed District is the Mojave River, in the area south of the Helendale Fault, just south of Silver Lakes. The area's topography is fairly uniform west of the Mojave River with a gentle slope (with some isolated rock outcrops) west of the Mojave River. The Mojave River has carved a floodplain that varies from a few hundred yards in width to more than one-quarter mile in width. The area to the east of the Mojave River channel contains hills, ridges and alluvial fans that all slope generally to the River's channel. Climate is hot during the summer; cool during the winter; limited precipitation (ranging from 8" in the south to 6" in the north). Precipitation occurs primarily during the passage of winter storm fronts (November through March) and occasional summer thunderstorms and winter snowfall.

In terms of development, the following information is provided regarding the man-made infrastructure and socioeconomic characteristics of the proposed District. Of the estimated 66,020 acres of land proposed for inclusion within the CSD's boundary, an estimated 28,880 acres (43.7%) are public lands, most being managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), but some under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). The remaining acreage (34,140 acres) is privately owned, but the area around Silver Lakes contains most of the urban/suburban development and related population. Preliminary data indicate that the estimated population within the proposed CSD is 7,000 persons and the number of dwelling units is estimated as about 3,000 units. Developed land within the proposed CSD is estimated to be about 4%. Vacant land encompasses an estimated 88%. Remaining acreage is allocated to agriculture (active, about 3%) and resort area about 5%.

Another way of characterizing existing land use in the proposed CSD is to estimate the percentage of specific uses. The following land uses were identified within the proposed CSD:

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Residential	5%
Commercial	1%
Industrial	1%
Agricultural	3%
Floodway	5%
Vacant	85%

All of the land within the proposed CSD is unincorporated land under the jurisdiction of San Bernardino County. Land use designations within the proposed CSD are summarized below (note that publicly owned land is assigned a land use designation of Resource Conservation, but the land

use decision making authority actually resides with the federal agencies that own and manage the acreage, in this case the BLM and USACOE.)

<u>Land Use Designation</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Resource Conservation	28,800	43.6%
Agriculture	700	1.1%
Floodway	1,280	1.9%
Rural Living	32,640	49.5%
Rural Living (RL-40)	5,870	
Rural Living (RL-5)	11,520	
Rural Living (RL)	13,440	
Rural Living (Other)	1,920	
Single Family Residential	~1,000	1.5%
Multiple Family Residential	~1,000	1.5%
Neighborhood Commercial	~250	0.4%
Commercial Industrial	~350	0.5%
Totals:	66,020	100.0%

Regional circulation includes: U.S. Highway 395 (western portion of the CSD) and National Trails Highway (old Route 66). Interstate 15 is located about two miles east of the proposed eastern boundary of the CSD. Major local roads include Helendale Road (portions unpaved); Shadow Mountain Road and Silver Lakes Parkway. Many unpaved roads occur within the project area. There is no public airport within the area, although private landing strips do occur in the surrounding area. The Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) is located about 4 miles south of the southern boundary of the proposed CSD. This regional airport is operated by the City of Victorville and it is in a stage of growth as the former U.S. Air Force operations (former George Air Force Base) are replaced by cargo and aircraft support operations at SCLA. The BNSF Railway maintains its east-west mainline tracks through the proposed CSD area, generally along National Trails Highway. The only major developed area with paved roads is presently found in the community of Silver Lakes.

The Mojave River corridor also serves as a major corridor for natural gas and electricity transmission lines. The only publicly owned water and wastewater service agencies occurring in the Silver Lakes area are CSA 70 Improvement Zones C and B, respectively. The proposed CSD would assume responsibility for these two existing Zones if LAFCO approves LAFCO 2996, i.e., the formation of the Helendale Community Services District. Otherwise, water and wastewater management are based on individual wells and subsurface septic tank disposal systems. CSA 70 Zone B presently operates about 119 street lights, primarily within the community of Silver Lakes. Solid waste is collected by a private collector (AVCO/Burrtec) under contract to the County. The maintenance of this contract will transition to the CSD. No park and recreation or graffiti abatement services are presently provided within the proposed CSD area. Southern California Edison provides electricity to the project area and gas is provided by either bottled gas or by Southwest Gas Corporation.



### **Project Characteristics**

LAFCO 2996 envisions the formation of a new community services district that, if approved, will have the authority to provide the following services: existing domestic water, sewer, street lighting and solid waste collection service, park and recreation, and graffiti abatement. As noted above, the proposed District would assume the domestic water, sewer and street lighting services from CSA 70 Zone C and B, respectively. The Task Force has submitted a service plan ("Supplement Formation of a Special District") and a "Feasibility Report", which outlines the proposed actions that will be undertaken by the new District if approved by LAFCO. These documents are available for review at the Commission's office in San Bernardino. The following is a summary of the actions proposed by the Task Force to provide the services identified above to the existing and future residents of the proposed Helendale CSD.

Overall the proposed CSD envisions a generally passive role in which it will continue the existing domestic water, sewer and street lighting services in place in the community of Silver Lakes and will only expand services when specific development proposals are submitted to the proposed CSD for review and expansion of service. Services would be supplied in the manner outlined in the following text.

### **Domestic Water Supply**

If the CSD formation is approved, the Task Force's plan for water production and domestic water service envisions maintaining the present level of water service as provided by CSA 70 Improvement Zone C. It will be increased in accordance with the long range plans established by Zone C. These plans include: near term installation of two new wells to serve the existing service area and the addition of two additional 2.5 million gallon (MG) water storage tanks. In addition funds are being set aside for arsenic treatment, if required, and for a new pipeline and fuel cell. Reserve funds will be used to fund these improvements, as an estimated 36% of the annual water user fees are being set aside to fund these improvements. Zone C assets and liabilities will be transferred to the proposed CSD if LAFCO 2996 is approved. As far as is known, none of the area encompassed by the proposed CSD is planned to be included in another improvement zone or community facilities district.

The adequacy of water supply and the timely availability of water for project needs will not be change if the proposed CSD is created. Most important, any new requests for water service will be evaluated based on the water resources that the project can bring to the new CSD and specific funding for any new infrastructure improvements must be provided by the new project. It is the proposed CSD's intent to participate in any environmental review of new development projects within its boundaries, and to identify the volume water required to meet the needs of such new developments and the infrastructure required to serve such areas. The new District will not be extending water service or water infrastructure outside of the existing Zone C service area without a new development providing the water assets and the infrastructure funding to adequately supply such a development. To restate, the District has no plans to extend water lines and water service into any areas beyond the current boundaries of Zone C, shown on Figure 3a.

The adequacy of water supply and the availability of water for projected needs will not change if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO. One of the essential purposes behind the Task Force's application to form the new CSD is a concern over meeting future water needs and the Task Force

seeks to have a locally elected board of local residents address the critical water issues within the proposed District's boundaries, with the Mojave Water Agency, with the welfare of local residents as the most important priority of the new District.

#### Wastewater Management

The Task Force intends to take over the existing wastewater collection and treatment system from CSA 70 Improvement Zone B and the intent is to maintain the present level of service. The proposed CSD has also identified a goal of supporting development and installation of a tertiary wastewater treatment system. The current system has adequate capacity to treat wastewater generated within the Zone B service area (shown on Figure 3b). The treatment plant has an estimated treatment capacity of 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) and is presently treating approximately 400,000 gallons per day to secondary treatment level. Based on assumed limitation of future available domestic water resources, the proposed CSD places a high priority on installing tertiary treatment adequate to meet Title 22 standards, and then using the recycled water to irrigate recreation areas, primarily consisting of three 9-hole golf course.

As far as is known, none of the area encompassed by the proposed CSD is planned to be included in another improvement zone or community facilities district for wastewater treatment. The adequacy of wastewater collection and treatment capacity will not be change if the proposed CSD is created. Most important, any new requests for wastewater collection and treatment service will be evaluated based on the wastewater that the project will generate and the specific funding for any new wastewater infrastructure improvements must be provided by the new project. It is the proposed CSD's intent to participate in any environmental review of new development projects within its boundaries, and to identify the volume wastewater that will be generated by new developments and the infrastructure required to serve such generation. The new District will not be extending wastewater service or wastewater collection infrastructure outside of the existing Zone B service area without a new development providing the collection and treatment infrastructure funding to adequately meet the demands of such a development. To restate, the District has no plans to extend wastewater lines and wastewater treatment service into any areas beyond the current boundaries of Zone B, shown on Figure 3b.

The adequacy of wastewater treatment capacity and the availability of an adequate wastewater collection system water will not change if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO. One of the essential purposes behind the Task Force's application to form the new CSD is a concern over meeting controlling the treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant and upgrading it to meet Title 22, recycled water standards. The Task Force seeks to have a locally elected board of local residents address the critical wastewater management issues within the proposed District's boundaries, including dealing with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

#### Solid Waste Management

The Task Force intends to take over the existing contract for solid waste collection within the proposed District's boundary and the intent is to maintain the present level of service. No upgrade of facilities or collection capabilities is proposed and the 10% franchise fee now collected by the County would be collected by the proposed CSD. The proposed CSD envisions that any expansion of service would be funded by the collection contractor. The current contract encompasses most



of the County portion of the High Desert from Landers through Lucerne Valley, Victorville and Silver Lakes..

Solid waste is presently collected and delivered to the Victorville waste disposal site operated by the County. This facility has existing capacity which is considered adequate for the for the five year planning horizon. Regardless, the assumption of solid waste management responsibilities by the proposed CSD will not alter the generation of solid waste from within the proposed District's boundaries. Any new requests for solid waste collection and disposal service will be evaluated based on the volume of solid waste that a project will generate and the specific funding for any new solid waste management infrastructure improvements must be provided by the new project. It is the proposed CSD's intent to participate in any environmental review of new development projects within its boundaries, and to identify the volume solid waste that will be generated by new developments and the infrastructure required to serve such generation. The new District will not be extending solid waste collection infrastructure outside of the existing service area without a new development providing for the collection and disposal of the waste to adequately meet the demands of such a development. To restate, the District has no plans to extend solid waste management service into any areas beyond the current boundaries contained in the existing contract with the County. The adequacy of solid waste collection and disposal capacity will not change if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO.

#### Street Lighting Service

CSA 70 Zone B presently has an estimated 119 street lights installed in the Silver Lakes area and these lights are maintained and operated by CSA 70 Zone B. The proposed CSD would take over the existing system and the primary focus would be to pursue with new developers the installation of energy saving street lights in accordance with the latest energy saving technology. No new street lights or areas with street lights are envisioned by the proposed District at this time. Local control will ensure that future developers within the proposed CSD boundaries will be required to install street lighting where it is needed. All capital requirements for future street lights will be supplied by developers and property taxes allocated for street lighting will continue to be utilized to fund ongoing operations and maintenance.

It is the proposed CSD's intent to participate in any environmental review of new development projects within its boundaries, and to identify those instances where street lights are needed for public health and safety. The infrastructure required to provide such lighting would be provided by the developer and ongoing operations and maintenance will be provided by property taxes as appropriate. The new District will not be extending street lighting resources outside of the existing service area without a new development providing for these new lights and adequate property taxes funding annual operations and maintenance. To restate, the District has no plans to extend street lighting service into any areas beyond the current boundaries contained in the CSA 70 Zone B. The adequacy of street lighting resources will not change if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO.

#### Parks and Recreation Management Service

No public parks exist within the proposed CSD boundaries, although there are some privately owned parks. It is the proposed CSD's intent to participate in any environmental review of new development projects within its boundaries, and to identify those instances where park and



recreation resources are needed for the public's welfare. The new CSD will also pursue government grants for new public parks, which is not currently being done. The infrastructure required to provide new parks and recreation facilities would be provided by the developer and ongoing operations and maintenance will be provided by other funding services as appropriate. The new District will not be creating new park resources and the District has no plans to create such resources at any location within the proposed District's boundaries at this time. The amount of park and/or recreation facilities will not change if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO.

#### Graffiti Abatement Service

The proposed CSD service area does not presently have any functioning graffiti abatement services. Graffiti on private property will not be the responsibility of the new CSD. Graffiti on public property would be deleted or corrected and the funds to support such actions would be provided from contingency funds. The new District will not be initiating graffiti abatement services until the new District has adequate contingency funds and the District has no plans to initiate such removal services until that time. The availability of graffiti removal services will not change immediately if the proposed CSD is formed by LAFCO.

Some very important findings can be reached regarding the proposed formation of the proposed Helendale CSD based on the plan of services summarized above. First, the proposed CSD would not change any land uses nor have any authority over future land uses. The County retains its jurisdiction over future land uses within the proposed CSD boundaries, and the proposed CSD can only participate in land use decisions to ensure that the services that it proposes to offer can be implemented in a reasonable manner. Further, aside from the implementation of already planned essential water infrastructure facilities, the proposed CSD will not physically alter the environment in the near term future if it is created. Even for the planned water facilities, the District, or the County as it reviews individual development projects within the proposed CSD's service area, must conduct a separate follow-on environmental review as a public agency. Since none of the proposed water facilities are presently "ripe" for consideration (site, size and modes of operation are not yet known for wells or storage reservoirs) and no other service infrastructure is yet identified, the potential environmental effects of approving the proposed CSD will be less than significant because no physical changes will immediately result from approval of the formation of the Helendale CSD.

Further, if the assumption is made that the Helendale CSD is not approved, there are more than sufficient County entities, such as the existing CSA 70 improvement zones, to provide all of the same services envisioned by the proposed CSD. Thus, the creation of the CSD cannot be viewed as growth inducing because the services for future development (those projects seeking entitlement that are not yet submitted to the County for review and approval) of other areas outside of Zones B and C could be served by other existing County agencies. These are listed below.

- CSA 38 can provide fire protection (structural, watershed, prevention, suppression, first air and rescue).
- CSA 70 (Countywide) can provide the following service functions:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Service</u>
- Weed abatement	Weed abatement
- Sewer	Sewage collection and treatment
- Fire protection	Structural, watershed, inspection, suppression, protection and paramedic
- Water	Water distribution and treatment
- Police	Police protection
- Extension of utility lines	Installation of electric power lines
- Street lighting	Street lighting
- Dam construction	Dam construction
- Roads	Road construction and maintenance
- Park and recreation	Development, operation and maintenance
- Animal control	Animal control
- Pest control	Pest control
- TV translator	TV translator
- Flood control	Flood control
- Ambulance	Ambulance services
- Street sweeping	Street sweeping
- Open-space and habitat acquisition	Acquisition and preservation of land for the purpose of protecting unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species, or historical or culturally significant lands that are deemed to be in need of protection by the County Board of Supervisors
• Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District	Resource Conservation – Control of runoff, prevention of soil erosion, development and distribution of water and improvement of land capabilities
• Mojave Water Agency	Water – Acquisition, wholesale, retail  Sewer – Regional treatment and wastewater reclamation

Since the only function not authorized to the above agencies is graffiti abatement, the only new service that would be provided within the proposed CSD boundary is graffiti abatement. All other services envisioned by the proposed CSD could be provided by one or more of the identified County entities as identified above. Based on this ability of the County to establish zones for other areas within the proposed CSD boundaries other than CSA 70 Improvement Zones B and C, it is clear that future developments will not be facilitated by LAFCO's approval to form the proposed Helendale CSD. Thus, based on the above analysis, the proposed formation of the Helendale CSD has no potential to cause any near term physical changes in the environment and its formation will not result in significant growth inducement for any projects that may be considered for future entitlement within the proposed CSD boundary. This finding is based on the availability of other County serving agencies to provide the same services (excluding graffiti abatement), so the proposed District does not provide any unique ability for future development to occur. Note that

the provision of graffiti abatement services has no known adverse effect on the environment if it is exercised by the proposed CSD in the future.

The Initial Study Environmental Checklist Form follows.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology & Soils          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology & Water Quality          | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use & Planning      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Population & Housing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation / Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |   |



**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the following finding is made:

- ☒ The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent or adequate mitigation has been provided to reduce potential impacts below a level of significance. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it may analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

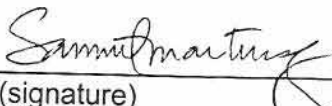


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Prepared by Tom Dodson & Associates

May 10, 2006

Date



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for: Kathleen Rollings-McDonald  
Executive Officer

May 10, 2006

Date

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST:**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>I. AESTHETICS – Would the project:</b>				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- I.a *No Impact.* Approval of the proposed CSD would not result in any immediate installation of facilities and the new CSD would be required to complete an environmental review in accordance with CEQA prior to allocating funds to install any new facilities. Therefore, no potential exists for approval of the CSD to have any adverse effect on a scenic vista.
- I.b *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no damage to scenic resources can occur.
- I.c *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no degradation of the existing visual character or quality of the service area can occur.
- I.d *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no new sources of light will be created by the proposed action and no nighttime views will be altered.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES – Would the project:</b>				
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland) to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- II.a-c *No Impact.* The formation or reorganization area contains known agricultural resource areas, primarily dairy ranches and field crops, such as alfalfa. However, since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impacts to agricultural resources can result from formation of the CSD.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>III. AIR QUALITY</b> – Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- III.a *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no conflicts with any adopted air quality management plans can result from formation of the CSD.
- III.b&c *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no emissions can result that would cause or contribute to any violation of existing air quality standards.
- III.d *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no emissions will be generated that would cause any adverse impact on sensitive receptors.
- III.e *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no odors can result that would cause or contribute to exposure of people to adverse odor impacts.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the project:</b>				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

IV.a-f *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to biological resources can occur.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>	– Would the project:				
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

V.a-d *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to cultural resources can occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – Would the project:</b>				
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
• Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onsite or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18 1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

VI.a-e *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to geological resources can occur and no development would be exposed to significant geological constraints, such as fault rupture.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS –</b>				
Would the project:				
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

VII.a-h *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse hazards can be caused by approval of the proposed CSD and no exposure to existing hazards can occur. The Cities of Victorville and Adelanto, commenting on behalf of the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority (VVEDA) and the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA), have expressed concerns that, by extending the proposed CSD southern boundary to the location shown on Figures 1 and 2, the proposed CSD could support actions that would be in conflict

with or incompatible with future air operations at the SCLA. LAFCO has taken this potential conflict into consideration and has concluded that such potential conflicts or incompatibilities will not result from approval of the boundary for the proposed CSD. This finding is based on the following facts:

- First, the formation of the CSD with the proposed southern boundary will not alter the land use decision-making responsibilities. Land use decision-making authority will remain with San Bernardino County and the CSD would be in the same position as the Cities as future development proposals are considered by the County. The CSD could only make comments or suggestions to the County regarding the availability of services under its jurisdiction. As noted in the project description, the County has other agencies that can provide all of the services envisioned by the proposed CSD, except graffiti abatement, which has no potential to conflict with future SCLA operations. Therefore, LAFCO approval to form the proposed CSD does not create or facilitate potential growth north of the SCLA relative to the existing circumstances, i.e., the circumstances remain the same whether or not the CSD is formed.
- Second, the CSD is being created with no specific plans to install new service infrastructure or to serve any specific development proposals that have been submitted to the County. Any such development would be reviewed by the County as the CEQA lead agency, and the CSD's role (assuming it is formed) would be the same as the Cities, i.e., it would comment on the project and advise as to its ability to provide service to such development. In other words, the role of the CSD would be passive, because it cannot initiate or approve new development. Also as noted above, the CSD has no basic water rights or infrastructure to serve water or collect wastewater outside of the current boundaries of CSA 70 Improvement Zones B and C. In its plan for services, the Task Force has clearly stated that the ability to serve areas outside of the existing Zones B and C service area will be dependent upon future development bringing sufficient resources, including funding for infrastructure, to enable the CSD to oversee services, such as water supply and wastewater collection and treatment.

As stated above, based on the above facts, approval of the CSD's formation has no identifiable potential to cause growth or create conflicts with future SCLA operations or to expose any of its future facilities or development to conflicts or incompatibility with future SCLA operations.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY – Would the project:</b>				
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding onsite or offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUBSTANTIATION:

- VIII.a-j *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to hydrology resources can occur and no CSD facilities or development would be exposed to significant flood hazards.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the project:</b>				
a. Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

IX.a-c *No Impact.* The Task Force's plan for service for the proposed CSD indicates that it does not intend to implement any new facilities at this time, and the CSD will not have any land use authority because land use jurisdiction over all the land within the proposed CSD boundary will remain with San Bernardino County. As noted in the discussion under Hazards and Hazardous Material (Section VII above), the proposed CSD has no potential to facilitate future development in a manner different than existing County service agencies already can and cannot extend any service capabilities into areas with potential conflict with SCLA operations, without a future environmental evaluation in compliance with CEQA. No extension of services are proposed in the immediate future by the Task Force's plan for service. Also, note that Figure 4 shows the present location of the SCLA safety review area boundary, and the southern boundary of the proposed CSD is located north of this safety area, which indicates a limited potential conflict between future development and airport operations. Therefore, the approval of the proposed CSD has no potential to physically divide an established community, conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation or any general or airport land use plan.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>X. MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project:</b>				
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- X.a&b *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to mineral resources can occur and no CSD facilities or development would be developed in conflict with any known mineral resource operations.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XI. NOISE – Would the project result in:</b>				
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- XI.a-f *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse noise impact can occur and no CSD facilities or development would be developed and exposed to significant existing noise effects.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project:</b>				
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

XII.a-c *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no change in population or growth rates is forecast to result from approval of the CSD. As noted in the discussion under Hazards and Hazardous Material (Section VII above), the proposed CSD has no potential to facilitate future development in a manner different than existing County service agencies already can and cannot extend any service capabilities into areas with potential conflict with SCLA operations, without a future environmental evaluation in compliance with CEQA. No extension of services are proposed in the immediate future by the Task Force's plan for service. Therefore, the approval of the proposed CSD has no potential to directly or indirectly cause growth or to increase the area's population or housing stock, or to reduce the existing housing stock within its proposed service area boundaries.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES</b> – Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a. Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

**XIII.a-c Fire, Police and Schools**

*No Impact.* Fire, police and school services are provided by other agencies within the proposed CSD boundary and these services will not be adversely impacted by approval of the proposed CSD. Questions were raised regarding potential conflicts with school districts and the ability of schools to provide recreational services. Figure 4 shows the boundaries of local school districts. The apparent overlap between the proposed CSD and school districts is with the Helendale School District and the Adelanto Elementary School District. This overlap occurs within the southern portion of the proposed CSD area, and this area has very few residences where conflicts over after school programs would be of concern. Further as noted in the following discussion, the proposed CSD has requested assignment of park and recreation responsibility within the CSD area and this will give it the ability to foster comparable after school recreation programs throughout the proposed District's service area in the future.

**XIII.d Parks**

*No Impact.* Approval of the proposed CSD would assign park and recreation responsibilities to the District. At present no agency is assigned park and recreation service responsibility within the project area (CSA 70 has such authority, but it has not been exercised) and there are no public parks within the project area. The Task Force indicates that it intends to exercise its park and recreation authority in a passive manner. It will participate in review of future developments before the County and seek funding from such developments for public park and recreation areas and it will submit grant applications for park and recreation facilities to be installed in the future within the proposed District's service area. Based on this plan of service, approval of the proposed CSD will not cause any immediate change in the environment. Prior to implementing any park or recreation facilities, the proposed District would have to comply with CEQA.

**XIII.e Other public facilities**

*No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to other public facilities can occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIV. RECREATION –</b>				
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

XIV.a&b *No Impact.* Please review the discussion of parks under Public Services (Section XIII) above. If approved, the proposed CSD would be responsible for future planning, implementation and operation of public park and recreation facilities. However, no public parks or recreation facilities exist within the proposed service area and no new facilities have been identified for implementation. Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse impact to other public recreation or recreation facilities can occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC – Would the project:</b>				
a. Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

XV.a-g *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no new trips will be generated by the future District operations and no other traffic effects will result from approval of the proposed CSD.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:</b>				
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Be served by a landfill(s) with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

- XVI.a *No Impact.* The proposed CSD would take over the operations of the existing wastewater treatment facility in Silver Lakes. This facility is presently operated by the County Department of Special Districts and the waste discharge permits allocated to this facility will have to be changed over to the Helendale CSD by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Because of this requirement, the Regional Board is identified as a possible responsible agency under CEQA. If the proposed CSD is approved, it will have to satisfy the Regional Board that adequate trained manpower will be available under the CSD to operate the wastewater treatment facility. It is anticipated that the treatment facility will continue to operate as it currently does if the CSD is authorized to assume operational responsibility because the Regional Board must ensure that adequately trained and qualified personnel are assigned to operate the facility. No adverse impact to wastewater operations or any conflict with the existing Waste Discharge Requirements is forecast to occur if the proposed CSD is authorized to assume responsibility for the existing treatment facilities that are presently operated by the County.



- XVI.b *No Impact.* No new water or wastewater facilities are proposed for implementation by the proposed CSD. It is anticipated that new wells and storage facilities may be required in the future, but these would be reviewed under CEQA by the new CSD if it is approved, or by the County if it retains operational responsibilities under Zones C and B. Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment, no adverse environmental effects from installing such facilities can occur.
- XVI.c *No Impact.* Since the approval of the proposed CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment and storm drainage facilities are not one of the services being sought by the proposed CSD, no drainage facilities effects will result from approval of the proposed CSD.
- XVI.d *No Impact.* The plan for service identifies sufficient water resources to meet demand within the Zone C area at this time. New wells and storage facilities are currently proposed for installation in the future. However, these will not be installed until either agency, Zone C or the proposed CSD, carries out the requisite environmental evaluation to comply with CEQA. Thus, approval of the proposed CSD will not result in any required water supply improvements within Zone C until subsequent environmental evaluation is completed. Regarding future water supply within the remaining area of the CSD boundary, the Task Force indicates that individual developments in the future must identify adequate water resources and funding for water supply infrastructure before the District would assume responsibility for water supply to such development. Since such requests for water service would require subsequent environmental documentation before water could be provided, the effect on water supply of approving the proposed CSD is no impact.
- XVI.e *No Impact.* The approval of the proposed CSD would result in the existing wastewater facilities being transferred to the CSD for long-term operation and maintenance. There is more than sufficient capacity existing at the wastewater treatment plant at this time for serving Zone B. The Task Force indicates that it would like to initiate tertiary treatment so that recycled water in compliance with Title 22 could be made available to offset future potable water consumption for irrigation. However, a tertiary treatment upgrade will not be installed until either agency, Zone C or the proposed CSD, carries out the requisite environmental evaluation to comply with CEQA. Regarding future wastewater collection and treatment capacity within the remaining area of the CSD boundary, the Task Force indicates that individual developments in the future must identify adequate funding for wastewater treatment infrastructure before the District would assume responsibility for wastewater treatment to such development. Since such requests for wastewater collection and treatment service would require subsequent environmental documentation before water could be provided, the effect on wastewater operations of approving the proposed CSD is no impact.
- XVI.f-g *No Impact.* The approval of the CSD would not adversely impact existing or future solid waste management collection and disposal service within the project area. At this time the area is served by a County contract with a solid waste collection company and this will continue for five more years. The CSD would assume responsibility for the waste collection and management contract and it would continue as is until some point in the future when the contract would be re-negotiated under the CSD's auspices. Since a new solid waste collection contract would require subsequent environmental documentation before solid waste service could be provided, the effect on solid waste operations of approving the proposed CSD is no impact.

**XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE –**

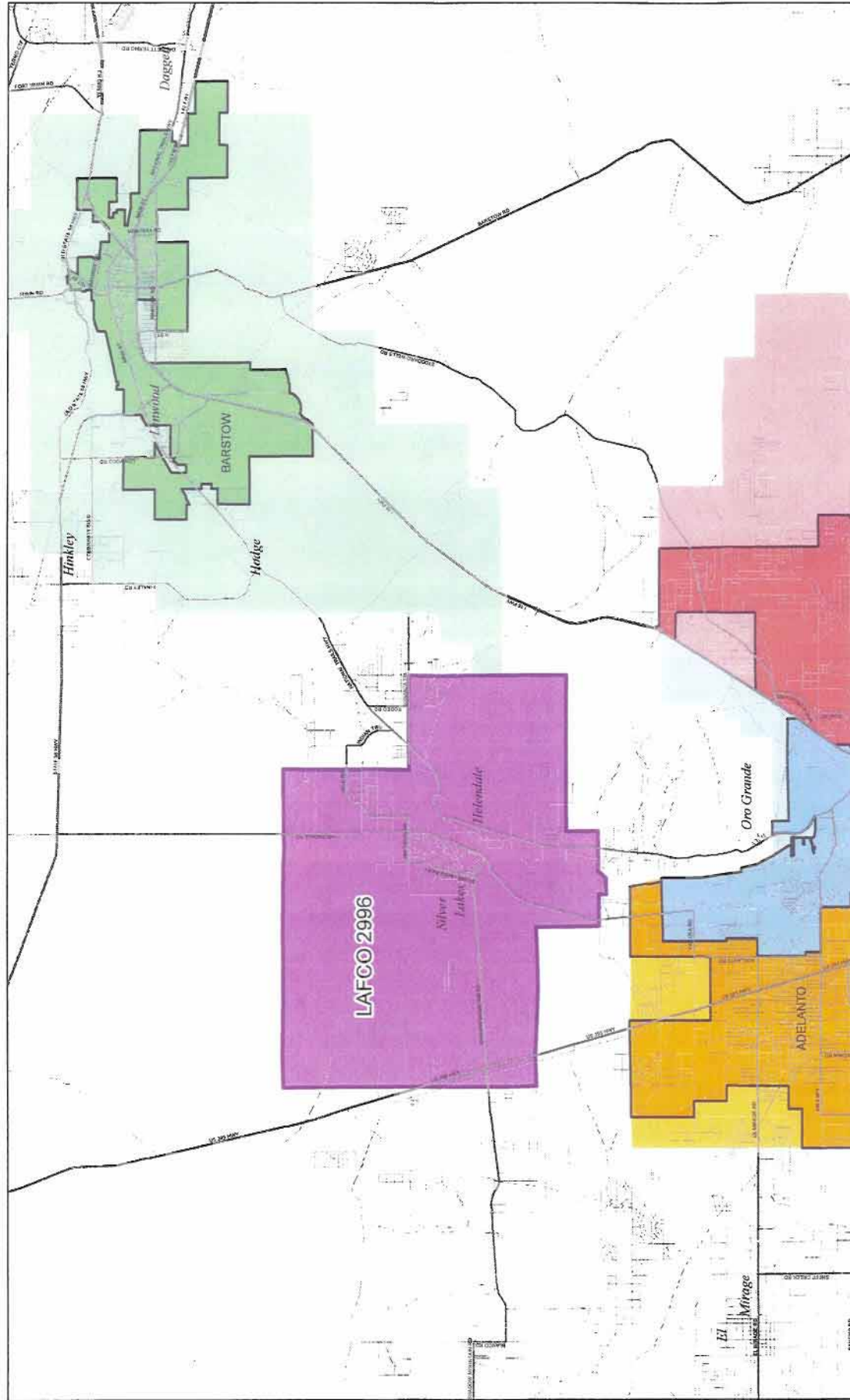
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SUBSTANTIATION:**

XVII.a-c The proposed formation of the Helendale Community Services District has been evaluated under the basic finding that the District's formation has no potential to cause any physical changes in the environment. The proposed District will assume existing water supply and wastewater management operations from the County Department of Special Districts within Zones C and B, respectively. The other services that would be assumed by the proposed CSD if approved by LAFCO include solid waste collection, street lighting, park and recreation and graffiti abatement. In addition, the proposed CSD would provide water supply and wastewater management to the remainder of the service area, on an as needed basis. Based on the analysis contained this Initial Study, the formation of the proposed CSD can be implemented without causing any adverse environmental effects because the approval of the CSD would not cause any physical changes in the environment.

Thus, the proposed project (LAFCO 2996) is not forecast to cause any adverse environmental impacts to any of the environmental resource issues addressed in this Initial Study. The San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission proposes to issue a Negative Declaration as the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. LAFCO will issue a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration and distribute this document for public review for a 30-day review period. Assuming potential project impacts remain less than significant and after receipt of comments and development of responses to comments, the Commission will hold a public meeting to consider adopting the Negative Declaration.

**FIGURE 1**  
**Regional Location**



LAFCO 2996 - Reorganization to Include Formation of  
Helendale Community Services District and Dissolution  
of County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones B & C

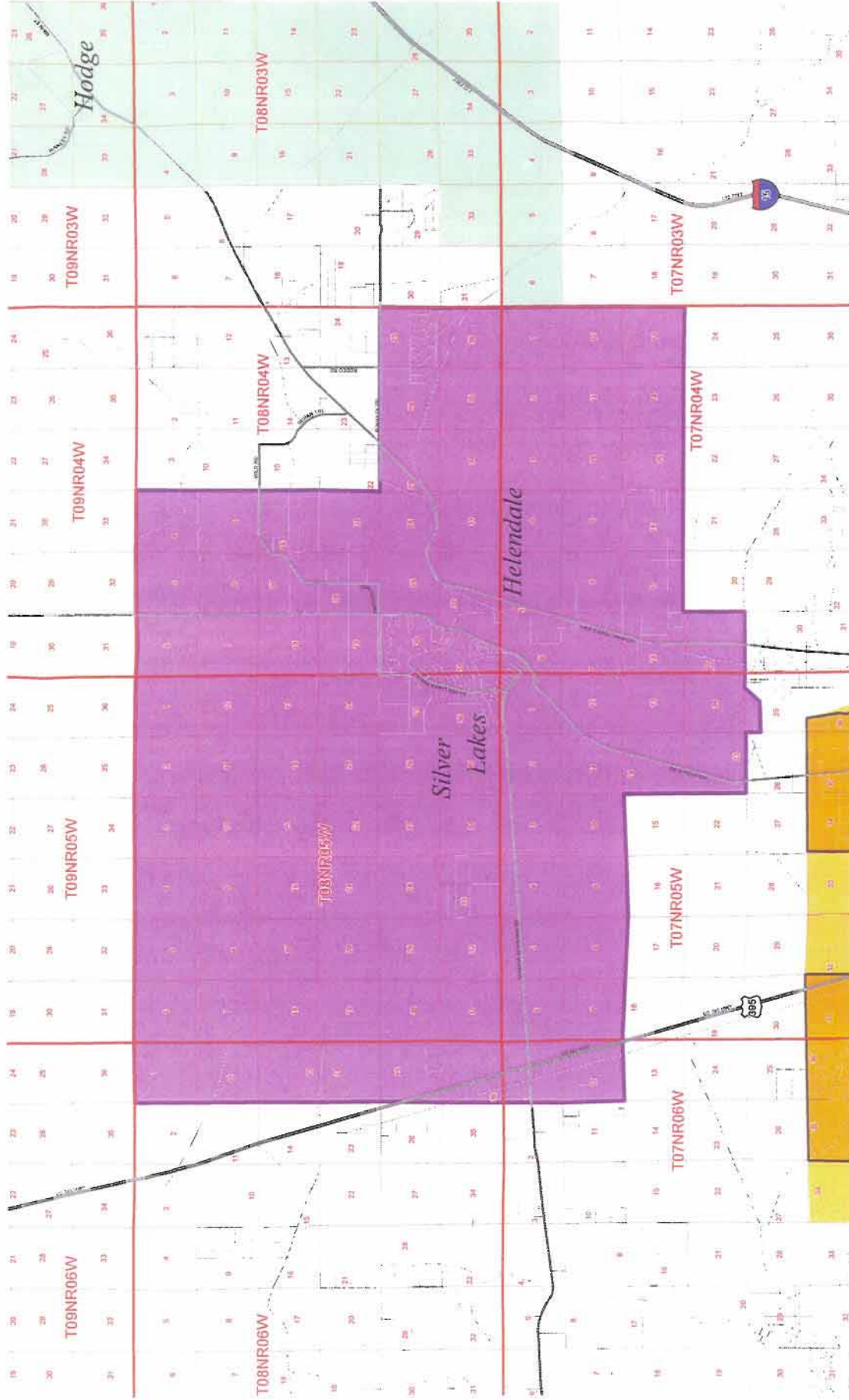


- LAFCO 2996 Boundary
- City Limits
- City of Adelanto
- Town of Apple Valley
- City of Barstow
- City of Victorville
- Adelanto Sphere
- Apple Valley Sphere
- Barstow Sphere
- Victorville Sphere





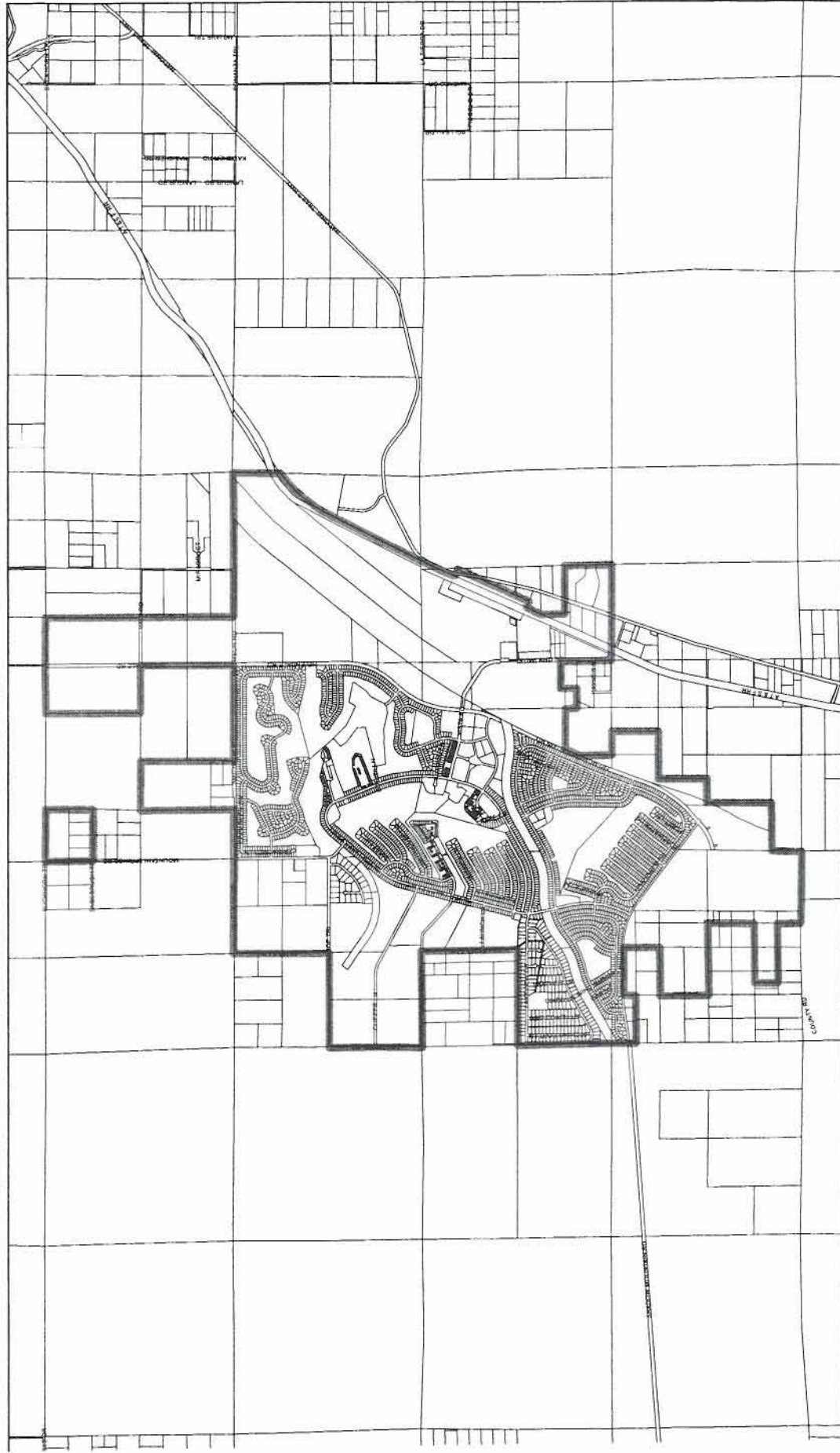
**FIGURE 2**  
**Site Location**



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**FIGURE 3a**  
**CSA 70 Improvement Zone C**

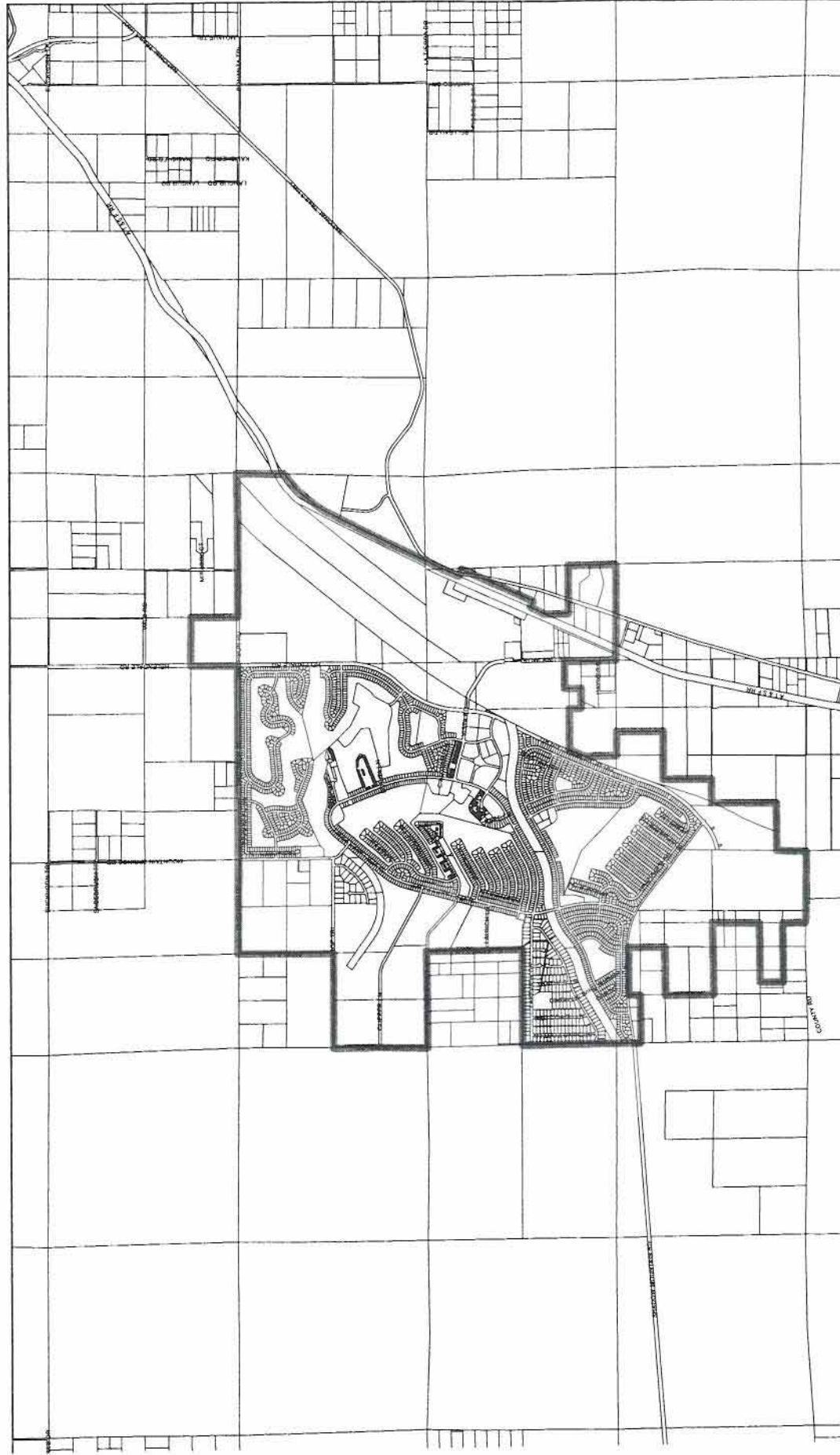


CSA 70 C Boundary

CSA 70 IMPROVEMENT ZONE C



**FIGURE 3b**  
**CSA 70 Improvement Zone B**





**FIGURE 4**  
**Area School Districts**

